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EDITOR'S COMMENT

If you were on Daylight Saving Time (DST), did you remember to turn your clock back an hour? See below "Standard Time".

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 27th-October, through Sunday, 3rd-November there were 256 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3D2/r, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7O, 7P, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9U, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/s, E6, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FO/a, FP, FR, FS, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J5, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/m, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH8, KH9, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S2, S5, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T30, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TN, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, XW, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7,

ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS, ZS8

PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

2014 PACIFIC TOUR (Early Announcement)

Operators Stan/AC8W, Ted/K8AQM, Brian/KG8CO, Charles/KN8R and Lee/N8LJ plan to activate two islands next year. Callsigns and QSL routes are yet to be determined. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. The scheduled islands are:

Tonga (A3) - August 16-24th

Fiji (3D2) - August 25th and September 1st

3A, MONACO

Gil, F4FET, will be active as 3A/F4FET from November 11-12th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using SSB. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

5H, TANZANIA (Op Cancelled)

Operators Fred, IK7JWX, informs OPDX that his major IOTA DXpedition to the Island of Zanzibar scheduled for April of 2014 is now cancelled "due to technical and logistical constraints".

5J0, SAN ANDRES ISLAND

Members of the "DX Friends" are now active from **San Andres Island (NA-033)** as 5J0R until November 10th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Suggested frequencies are listed in OPDX.1132. QSL via EA5RM direct (see Web page). You can use the OQRS (see Web page) for direct and Bureau cards. Visit their Web page at:

<http://www.dxfriends.com/SanAndres2013>

5W, SAMOA

Hiro, JF1OCQ, will be active as 5W7X from Apia, capital of Samoa, between November 7-14th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via JF1OCQ, direct or by the Bureau (E-mail requests for Bureau QSLs can be sent to jf1ocq@arrl.net)

5Z, KENYA

Dani, EA4ATI, who was currently active as 5Z4T during the CQWW DX SSB Contest this past weekend, informs OPDX that he will be in Kenya for a couple more years and will be active as 5Z4/EA4ATI. He is using a Cobweb antenna with a small amplifier and is active on 30/20/17/15/10 meters. He hopes to improve on his station and use the low bands in the future. His QSL Manager is EA4YK.

8P, BARBADOS

Operators Mike/KI1U (8P9IU), Mike/N1TA (8P9TA) and Bruce/K0BJ (8P9BJ) will be active from Barbados between December 9-16th. Their main activity will be the ARRL 10 meter Contest (December 14-15th) and will sign as 8P8T. QSL via KI1U. Prior to the contest, operators will be using their own callsigns.

9N, NEPAL

Toshi, JA8BMK, will once again be active as 9N7BM from Kathmandu and Nagarkot between November 8-28th. Activity will be holiday style on all HF bands using a FT-897D and IC-7000, Hex/Spider beam into a 600w amp. He states, "I will try to work USA on 80 and 160m if vertical antennas can be put up. QSL via JA8BMK, direct or by the Bureau.

AFRICAN TOUR

Carl, SM6CPY, will once again be active as 5H3CJ from Tanzania between November 6-12th and November 18-26th. Activity will be holiday style on most bands, but mostly CW on 20-10 meters listening up 25 kHz and operating with 100 watts, and possibly the lower bands depending on the antenna possibilities. Carl is also going to visit Rwanda during this period, and is expected to be active as 9X0PY between November 12-18th (tentative). His activity will be the same as his 9X operation. QSL both callsigns via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

AFRICAN TOUR

Mathias, DJ2HD, will once again be active as V5/DJ2HD from Namibia between December 14th and January 18th (2014). This is just one part of his 4x4 trip through different countries. Activity will be holiday style on SSB and RTTY, but will also include a SSB entry in the DARC 10m Contest (January 14th). During this time frame, Mathias will also travel to and be active once again as 7P8DJ from Lesotho between December 22-24th. There are also plans to be active from South Africa (as ZS/DJ2HD) and one more country to be announced later, but no scheduled days have been provided. QSL all callsigns via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

CARIBBEAN TOUR

Mike, DF8AN, will once again be active from the Caribbean. Activity will be during most of November. His scheduled operations and callsigns are as follows:

Antigua - V26MN between November 5-8th; IOTA **NA-015**; WW. Grid FK97

Montserrat - VP2MMN between November 8-15th; IOTA **NA-103**; WW. Grid FK86

St. Kitts & Nevis - V4/DF8AN between November 15-19th; IOTA **NA-104** WW. Grid FK 87

Look for him to be on all HF bands, 160-6 meters. He operates mainly on CW using 100 watts using an Alinco DX70 into a long wire and dipole antennas. QSL via DF8AN, direct or by the QSL Bureau. ADDED NOTE FROM DF8AN: Mike informs OPDX readers [edited],

"If anyone hears me on a frequency, and if anyone needs me on another frequency or mode, you can contact me via SMS (text message) on this cellular P H O N E N O.:

+491716232751

But please, no telephone calls. I will not answer any telephone call. If anyone wants a sked: send me a SMS with callsign and QRG and mode, and I will QSY if possible. But please accept that I am not on the air 24/7 around the clock. If you hear me (for example on 14 CW) and need me (for example on 18 SSB), send me SMS like this example: DL1ABC 18165. I will QSY as soon as possible to that new frequency. Please only short SMS. I have NO internet at my location and can

NOT check my E-mails. I work only CW and SSB all bands include 6m. And PSE accept, that I am not there for amateur radio as a main reason. I work for the Civil Aviation Office and for that reason, I have to work some hours/day, hi... But if anyone hears me and needs me on another band - let me know."

CE0Y, EASTER ISLAND

Operators Jose/CE0HYO, Gustavo/CX2AM, Humberto/CX3AN, Gustavo/CX3CE, Mario/CX4CR, Gen/EA5HPX, Francisco/EA7FTR and Carlos/LU2NI are now active as XR0YY from Hanga Roa, Easter Island, until November 7th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. They have 3 stations operating simultaneously. QSL via EB7DX. Their Web site is available at:

<http://easterisland2013.com>

DXCC NEWS

Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL Awards Branch Manager, reports that the following operations are approved for DXCC credit:

; 2013 Operation

T6MH - Afghanistan; 2012 and 2013 Operations (*)

***Note:** If anyone had this contact rejected in a recent submission send an E-mail to bmoore@arrl.org to be placed on the list for an update to your record. Please be sure to note the submission date to help expedite the search for this QSO.

EA8, CANARY ISLANDS

Operators Andrea/IK1PMR and YL Claudia/PA3LEO will once again be active as EA8/homecall from Tenerife Island (AF-004) between November 26th and January 7th (2014). Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via their home callsigns, by the Bureau, direct, or E-mail requests for Bureau cards. For more details and updates, see:

<http://www.ik1pmr.com>

EF8, CANARY ISLANDS

Luis, EA8AY, will use the special callsign EF8USA from **Tenerife Island (IOTA AF-004, DIE S-012, WLOTA 1276, EAA TF)** during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 15-16th) as a Single-Op/All-band entry. QSL via W2GR. Visit his Web site at:

<http://www.ea8ay.com/ef8x2>

EY, TAJIKISTAN

Nodir, EY8MM, from Dushanbe, will be active during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (160m) entry. QSL K1BV via direct, by the Bureau or LoTW. Check out his home page at:

<http://www.ey8mm.com>

FR/TO2, REUNION ISLANDS (Reminder)

Stef, F5UOW, will once again be active from **Reunion Island (AF-016)**. He will sign as FR/F5UOW between October 31st and November 21st, but between November 3-17th, he will

sign TO2R. There is a report that Alain, F8FUA, is with him. Activity will be mostly CW between 40-10 meters. QSL via F5UOW, direct or by the Bureau.

GU, GUERNSEY (EU-114)

Dick, GU4CHY, will be active during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (10m)/High-Power entry. Dick states, "Planning on 10m but will switch to 15m if conditions seem poor on 10." QSL via his home callsign, direct (preferred) or by the Bureau (long QRX).

GU, GUERNSEY

Bob, GU4YOX, will be active during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Single-Op/High-Power/Non-Assisted entry. QSL via GU4YOX, direct or LoTW.

IA0, ANTARCTICA

Gianni, I1HYW, from provided the following [edited]:

Max, IA0MZ, did start as promise to be QRV from Mario Zucchelli Station-Antarctica (WAP ITA-01) on Sunday evening, Oct. 20th. He will be there until Feb. 2014. This morning (October 29th), Max sent a message to remind the chasers a few simple rules in order to avoid loss of precious time when he is operating HF.

Max wrote: "On my second day on air, I have experienced huge pile up where unfortunately (as usual), people do not rule; all calling on everyone, many people do not even respond when I came back to their calls ... I hope that, after the first few days, things will become better, but please try to understand that I cut hours of my sleeping time to be on for EU and please do not duplicate the QSOs on the same band, leave everyone the chance to work MZS!

For the American friends; I'll be here until early February 2014, but unfortunately the time between 22:00 and 02:00 UTC (that are 11:00-15:00 hrs local time here) is almost taboo for me. As you can imagine, that falls in the middle of daily activity ... but it does not mean anything, just a snowy day in that window will allow me to be on air even if for half an hour or so. The advice as always, is to give an eye to the cluster, to avoid throwing valuable time; I always use the spot quote... It will not be gallant, but I'm sure it will help the chasers..... 73 from IA0MZ, Massimo DIPOLA @ Mario Zucchelli Station, Terra Nova Bay Antarctica (UTC+13) S 74°41.655' E 164°06.839"

According to Max's QRZ.com page, activity will be on 20/17/15/12 meters SSB ONLY. He prefers the following suggested frequencies: 14333, 18125, 21230 and 24940 kHz. Suggested times are usually between 1700-1900z and occasional between 0900-1030z. He posts: "NO CW - NO DIGI - NO SPLIT - NO FILTERS - NO REAL TIME LOG - NO SCHEDULES. THIS IS NOT A DX-EXPEDITION BUT MAINLY A SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION."

QSL via IW0EFA, by the Bureau or direct to: Gian Paolo Volpato, via Piave, 13 - 01100, Viterbo, Italy.

Log will be uploaded to LoTW after his return to Italy. He does have a FaceBook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/II0MZ>

IOTA NEWS

NA-189. Operators Benjamín/XE2AU, Juan Manue/XE2AI, Ismael/XE1AY, Jorge/XE2AMS, Juan/XE2AY, David/XE1REW, Gustavo/XE1KKK and Enrique/XE2AA will be active as XF1T from **Cocinas Island** between March 14-17th, 2014. QSL via IT9EJW. An OQRS and log search will be available on ClubLog after the DXpedition.

OC-109/ (Postponed/Update) John, YB5NOF, informs OPDX that the reason

OC-122/ for the postponement of OC-109 and OC-122, is the bad weather

OC-209/ conditions until January 2014 and no transportation to go there.

OC-210. He did mention that before OC-109 and OC-122, he will try to activate **Talud Island (OC-209) and Sangihe Island (OC-210)**, especially to Miangas on the borders of North Celebes, with Ronny/YC8TXW and Jusuf/YC8TZR in May of 2014. Stay tuned for updates! These operations will count towards the Nusantara Indonesian Island Award:

<http://www.nusantaraaward.com>

<http://www.facebook.com/nusantaraaward>

OC-157. (Update/Callsign) A team of 8 operators will be active as YB8V from the rare **Banda Besar Island** between November 10-15th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW and SSB. The operators mentioned are Joppy/YB8XM (Team Leader), Marthin/YB8VM, Danny/YC8VDT, Richard/YD8VSR, Agustinus/YD8VRA, G. Saiya/YD8VRS, Fransicus/YC8VFB and Robert/YC0MVP. Look for more details to be forthcoming. Watch the following Blog page for updates at:

<http://oc157.blogspot.co.uk>

OC-262. As this is being typed, Budi, YF1AR, is expected to be active as YF1AR/4 from **Sebesi Island** between November 1-5th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using mainly SSB, but some CW and Digital modes. QSL via N2OO (see QRZ.com). For more details and updates, see:

<http://www.yf1ar.com/2013/10/yf1ar4-oc-262-sebesi-island.html>

J6, ST. LUCIA (Press Release: 5th St. Lucia Buddies in the Caribbean Suitcase DXpedition)

"Travel plans are set for the fifth 'Buddies in the Caribbean' (BIC) mini-DXpedition to St Lucia (J6). Eight operators, some of whom have never experienced the 'other side' of a pileup, will be operating from Chateau Devaux on the NE side of St. Lucia from December 1st through 9th, 2013.

This 'Suitcase DXpedition' will operate QRP to 100-watt radio stations using backpackable Buddipole antennas to make contacts from the villa, the surrounding mountains, and (of course) from St. Lucia's superb beaches.

The eight operators are Jerry/N9AW, Craig/NM4T, John/W5EXJ, Joe/K3JDB, Rick/AA4W, Jim/W4QO, Chris/W6HFP, and Budd/W3FF (J68FF). Ops will preface their own calls with 'J6/'.

Team members will operate several CW, SSB, and/or Digital Mode stations on 160-10 meters from the villa while others make contacts with portable set-ups from other J6 locations.

Per tradition, meeting and operating with local hams while on J6 is one of our key goals.

QSO confirmation and QSLs will be available via LOTW, bureau or direct via information on each operator's www.QRZ.com page."

J7, DOMINICA (Update/Change)

Operators Charlie/K1XX, George/K5KG, Jim/ WI9WI and Gus/VO1MP will be active as J79XX, J75KG, J79WI and J79MP, respectively, from **Dominica (NA-101)** between November 16-25th. The group plans to also be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) signing J73A as a Multi-2 entry. Activity outside of the contest will be primarily CW, with some time devoted to SSB and RTTY. QSL J75KG via K5KG, J79XX via K1XX, J79WI via WI9WI, J79MP via VO1MP and J73A via WI9WI all with a SASE only. NO Bureau QSLs.

J8, ST. VINCENT

Gerd, DL7VOG, will be active as J87GU from **Union Island (NA-025)** between November 2-27th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW and RTTY (He states, "I will carry a microphone for 'emergency cases' ... If you need SSB let me know..." Gerd will be active in the Worked All Europe (WAE) RTTY Contest (November 9-10th) and CQWW DX CW Contests (November 23-24th). He will use an IC-706MK2G into an HF9VX for 80-6m and an Inverted-L (15m fiberglass pole) for 160m. Gerd will also carry a 500w amp. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau. An OQRS is also available on ClubLog for both Bureau and direct cards. For more details and updates, see:

<http://www.dl7vog.de/index.html>

JT50, MONGOLIA (Special Event)

Look for special event station JT50SSB to be active to celebrate the 50th anniversary for the first SSB QSO on the amateur radio band from Mongolia. A Russian amateur radio operator named Vladimir Vasilievich Belousov operated on the SSB mode from Mongolia for the very first time in 1963. Operators mentioned are Baatar/JT1BB, Baldan/JT1BO, Bat-Erdene/JT1CS, Enkhbayar/JT1DA and Andrey Vladimirovich Belousov/UA3ABR, son of Vladimir Vasilievich Belousov. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL via UA3ABR.

KH2/NH2, GUAM

Dave, N2NL, will once again be active as NH2T from Guam (OC-026) during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Single-Op/ All-Band/High-Power entry. Dave will be active (outside of contests) as KH2/N2NL and during all contests as NH2T. During the summer of 2013, Dave moved to a new hilltop QTH and continues to be active on 160-6 meters. He will be departing Guam in June 2014. QSL via LoTW or via W2YC. For more information,

including a station description, you can visit his Blog Page at:

<http://www.n2nl.net>

KH8 & 5W, AMERICAN SAMOA AND SAMOA (Update to [OPDX.1110/1114/1116](#)).

Operators John/9M6XRO, Aki/ZL1GO (JE4EKO), Masahiro/JH3PRR, Kip/W6SZN and Jacky/ZL3CW (F2CW/WE3B) will be active using the special event callsign W8A from the Turtle and Shark Lodge, Village of Vaitogi, on the southeast coast of **Tutuila Island (OC-045, USI AS007S, WLOTA 4385)** between November 12-22nd. QSL via ZL3CW. Activity will be on 160-10 meters with a significant effort on 160 meters and a focus on Europe for the high bands. CW will be the primary mode with some SSB and RTTY possible. Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 1811.5, 1821.5 (NA), 3512, 7016, 10116, 14035, 18092, 21035, 24907 and 28035 kHz

SSB - 1848, 3795 (NA), 3803, 7078/7167, 14210, 18165, 21295, 24975 and 28495 kHz

RTTY - 3525 (JA), 3582, 7043, 10132, 14092, 18108, 21092, 24928 and 28092 kHz

** See special notes on the Web page.....

Their location will be well south of Pago Pago to limit mountain low angle blockage. The callsign N8A will be used during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL route will also be ZL3CW. Four of the five operators plan to be active as 5W8A from Samoa after their activities on American Samoa between November 27th and December 2nd. Operators mentioned are 9M6XRO, W6SZN, ZL1GO and ZL3CW. QSL route is also ZL3CW. For more details and updates, watch the N8A Web page at:

<http://www.n8a.eu>

Also, watch their FaceBook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/N8a2013AmericanDXpedition>

KH9, WAKE ISLAND

If you missed Specila Bulletin [OPDX.1134.1](#), the "K9W Wake Atoll Commemorative DXpedition" has been rescheduled and should be on the air as you read this. Operation is scheduled to last until November 15th (Wake Island time). Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 1826.5, 3523, 5405, 7023, 10103, 14023, 18079, 21023, 24894 and 28023

SSB - 3790, 5403.5, 7082, 14185, 18140, 21285, 24955 and 28485

RTTY - 3580, 7035, 10142, 14080, 18099, 21080, 24912 and 28080 kHz

6M - 50107/CW and 50107/SSB

An OQRS will be available by ClubLog (Highly Recommended). This is the preferred method to use for your QSL confirmation. After the DXpedition ends you can order either a direct or Bureau QSL card using the OQRS online QSL service provided by ClubLog. For sending direct QSL requests, the mailing address is: Wake Island DXpedition, P.O. Box 5005, Lake Wylie, SC 29710 USA (See detail on their Web page). QSLing by the Bureau is via AA4NN. Logs will be posted on LoTW 6 months after the conclusion of the DXpedition. NO eQSL. For more details and updates, visit the K9W Web page at:

NP4, PUERTO RICO

Alfredo (Al), WP3C, will be active as NP4A during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (80m) entry. QSL via W3HNNK.

OH0, ALAND ISLAND

Operator Tomi, OH6EI, will once again be active as OH0Z during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Single-Op/ All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via W0MM.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (November 4-10th)

Nov/04th HN	Nov/07th AN	Nov/09th AN
Nov/05th LN	Nov/08th AN	Nov/10th HN
Nov/06th AN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
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AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRD - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

QSL INFO AND NEWS

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (November 3rd)

3D2KV via DL6KVA	HB0/HB9LCW via HB9LCW	SX1DX via SV1JG
5J0R via EA5RM	HB9/IK7YCE via IK7YCE	UN9GD via DL8KAC
5T0JL via ON8RA	IA0MZ via IW0EFA	UP0L via DL8KAC
5X1NH via G3RWF	LZ1520YYD via LZ1KCP	ZL3X via ZL3PAH
8P9NX via W3HNNK (d)/W0SA (B)	OQ4CLM via ON3AIM	ZP9MCE via EA5ZD
HA150GG via HA6FQ (d)	SJ2W via SM2LIY (d)	ZS1/RD3MX via RD3MX
(e) eQSL only	(d) direct only	(B) Bureau only (L) LoTW only

EA6/S53R QSLs. Ralph, K2PF, will handle QSLs for recent operation of EA6/S53R. Direct requests only. Log is on LoTW.

NEW QSL MANAGER. Alan, 5B4AHJ, informs that M0URX has taken over the QSL duties for **5B4AHJ** and **P3J**. However, Alan states that he will continue to manage QSLs for the older callsigns: **5B50J**, **5B/G3PMR**, **G3PMR** & others.

ADDED NOTE FROM ALAN: "May I remind your readers that a large number of Cyprus stations have QSL Managers outside Cyprus. The CARS QSL Bureau cannot deliver QSLs to these stations. Please ensure that the QSL Manager's callsign is written prominently on the card. Many cards are received from bureau with the correct manager, but the cards still get delivered to CARS because the manager's call is not prominent. The following page lists the Cyprus stations that have managers outside Cyprus

<http://www.cyhams.org/index.php/en/cars-services/qsl-bureau-service/141-incoming-qsl-cards-foreign-amateurs-a-qsl-bureaux>

Thanks! 73 Alan, 5B4AHJ"

OLD QSL COLLECTION (Update). Jean Michel, F6AJA, wants to remind everyone to visit the Les Nouvelles DX (LNDX) Web page to see more than 11500 old QSL cards in several different albums/galleries. This site contains:

- The ten most wanted DXCC entities (2004 to 2012) with more than 300 QSLs
- At least one card for each 60 deleted DXCC countries (more than 1500+ QSLs)
- Nearest the totality of current prefixes, disappeared now (more than 4000+ QSLs)
- Album for stations from North Africa 1945-1962 (400+ QSLs)
- More than 900 QSLs from the Antarctic bases.
- Nearly 270 QSLs from the TAAF (Terres Australes and Antarctiques Francaises).
- More than 400 QSLs for the rare French Pacific Islands such as FK/C, FO/C, FO/A, FO/M, FO/C and FW
- Nearly 100 cards from Eparses Islands such as FR/B/E/G/J/T
- The FG, FM, FP, FS, FY stations from 1945 to 1969
- More than 1500 cards for the old timer with more than 130 countries before 1945.
- Cards from the French Department before 1945.
- At least one card from each of the states in the U.S. before 1945.

The URL address for the Web site is: <http://LesNouvellesDX.free.fr> Some cards are still needed for the collection, and your participation is welcome. Please visit their site and give them your comments by sending an E-mail to: LesNouvellesDX@free.fr

QSL 7O2A via UA3DX. Dima, RA9USU, was active from Socotra Island, Yemen, during the CQWW DX SSB Contest last weekend.

QSL B9/BY9GA via BA1DU for this past operation. B9/BY9GA has a log search on ClubLog and an OQRS system in place.

QSL STATUS. Fred, IK7JWX, informs OPDX that 90% of the QSLs from the following Italian places and operations have been sent via the Bureau. He states, "Knowing the long delays of the bureau, I am sure that you have already received these QSLs from 2008 to 2012: **IQ7AF, IQ7AF/P, IK7JWX, IK7JWX/P, IP7W, IP7W/P, IR7ITA, IR7ITA/P, IO7DAI/P, IR7WFF/P, IE9/IQ7AF, and also for ZA0/IK7JWX, 5C2J, 5C2J/P, TS8P and PR2I.** Therefore, if some QSLs have not arrived yet, send me an E-mail with all the data of QSO(s) and I will send a second QSL." Fred's E-mail address is:

ik7jwx2003@yahoo.it

QSL T30FL via AA4FL. This was the T33A team active from Betio, Tarawa, Republic of Kiribati.

QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 4O/UA3RF/P, 5M2TT, 9G5TT, 9L1X, 9Y4D, AL1G, CE1UGE, CX9AU, EA6NB, FM5CD, IB9T, JA1YPA, JA2FSM, JA9APS, JH6UYB, JK1UVP,

PA7JWC, PJ2T, PJ2/W5BOS, SM5CKV/P, TF2LL, TK5EP, TO2TT, TO5FM, TU2T, TX5D, VA7ST, VE3NLS, VE8EV, VU2NKS, YL2KF, YQ6A, ZL1BYZ and ZM4M

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 7O6T, A34JP/H, CE3/UA4WHX, CP4BT, CT9/DJ8OG, HB0/DL2SBY, LU/UA4WHX, OA4/UA4WHX, OP2A, SU9VB, T8GM, UA4WHX/CX, V6G, ZA/UA4WHX and ZB2CN

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 4K9W, 5H3ME, 9Y4/DL7VOG, A35YZ, A6/DL9WVM, CG200I, CR3L, CT9/DK7YY, H44MS, JG8NQJ/JD1, PJ5/DL7VOG, SU1KM, TO7BC, V5/DK1CE, VU2HBC, XL2I, XM2I and ZK2C

S2, BANGLADESH (Update to [OPDX.1117/1118/1131/1133](#) - Press Release #5)

Project 2013 by the Mediterraneo DX Club (MDXC) announced October 29th, that the team will use the S21ZBB callsign during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Multi-2 entry.

STANDARD TIME

Did you remember to change your clocks? Countries who observe Daylight Saving Time (DST), which took place on Sunday, March 10th, are now expected to move their "local clocks" backward 1 hour on Sunday, November 3rd, from 2:00 AM local time to 1:00 AM. In 2014, Day-light Saving Time (DST) will again go into effect on Sunday, March 9th, at 2:00 AM local time. For the history and details about ST and DST, as well as an interesting map of the world (showing the countries who observe DST), see:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Standard_time
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daylight_saving_time

ADDED NOTE: Hopefully, all amateur radio operators know not to change their GMT/UTC/ZULU clocks. However, since most operators usually set their computers to local time, some may have to change their settings on "some" ham radio software (ex. logging, propagation, DXTelnet, etc..) programs.

T33, BANABA ISLAND (Reminder)

The T33A DXpedition to **Banaba Island (OC-018)** is expected to be active this week between November 5-18th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. They will have six stations on the air at two different sites. A OQRS by ClubLog will be available and will be the preferred method to use for your QSL confirmation. Logs will be posted to Logbook Of The World (LoTW) approx- imately 6 months after the conclusion of the DXpedition. Direct QSLs are via W2IJ. QSLs will also be available direct by the Bureau. For more details, visit the T33A Web page at:

<http://www.t33a.com/index.htm>

The T33A DXpedition's Blog page is at: <http://banaba2013.wordpress.com>
Also, the T33A team will be using DXA interface for their operation. DXA is an innovative Web site that allows DXers to view the status and activities of a DXpedition in near-real-time. Within a few minutes after making a contact with the DXpedition, the DXer is able to see a graphical listing of their contact. The DXA Web page for the T33A operation is located at:

<http://dxa2.org/t33a>

ADDED NOTE: For one day only, on November 18th, look for David, N1EMC (Co-leader), to be active from Banaba Island as T33X. QSL via N1EMC direct.

UI2, KALININGRAD. Igor, UA2FZ, will be active as UI2K during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via UA2FZ. **UP44,**

KAZAKHSTAN

Members of the "Kazakhstan Traveling Radio Amateurs Group", plan to activate the following references as UP44WFF between November 9-10th:

WFF/UNFF-030 - State natural Park «Medeo»

WMA/UNM-013 – Mountain Makhnatka (2280m - Medeo) (New One)

WRA/UNR-048 - River Malaya Almatinka

KDA-G-06 - Medeo District

WW Loc. - MN83MD

Operators mentioned are Sergey/UN6GAO, Viktor/UN7GIT, Arthur/UN6QC and some young radio amateurs. Activity will be on 40m (7060-7100 kHz), 20m (14140-14180 & 14244 kHz), 15m (21200-21244 kHz) and 10m (28450-28540 kHz) +/- QRM. Modes will be CW and SSB, using a Kenwood TS-2000 and TS-590 into a multi-band Delta M0PLK (20-10m) and an Inv. Vee (40-10m). QSL via LoTW, by the Bureau, direct and . More details and info about diplomas are available at:

[\(http://www.qrz.kz\)](http://www.qrz.kz) **(RUS)**

[\(http://un-dx-news.ucoz.com/index/new_expedition/0-5\)](http://un-dx-news.ucoz.com/index/new_expedition/0-5) **(ENG)**

VK0H, HEARD ISLAND

It has been reported [on the Web page below] that the 2015 Cordell Heard Island Expedition Project's restructuring has been completed as of October 15th, and is grouped into three broad groups: Mountain Science, Environmental Science and Communication Science. A document, "HD_2015_Research_Program", has been completed describing the proposed projects for a 2015 expedition to Heard Island.

The document will be released on 15th Nov. 2013. The Expedition's Organizer/Leader Dr. Robert Schmieder, KK6EK, will visit the Australian Antarctic Division (AAD) in Hobart, Tasmania, during Nov. 4-14th, to discuss the expedition, the scientific projects, and arrangements for transportation and onsite support.

The goal is a collaborative effort between the AAD, Cordell Expeditions, and other institutions that have expressed interest in participating. For further information, please contact Dr. Schmieder at schmieder@cordell.org , and visit the expedition's Web site at:

[\(http://www.heardisland.org\)](http://www.heardisland.org)

VU7, LAKSHADWEEP ISLANDS

Operators Aravind/VU2ABS (RTTY/CW), Deepak/VU2CDP (CW/SSB), Nandu/VU2NKS (RTTY), Basappa/VU2NXM (CW/SSB), Pai/VU2PAI (CW/SSB), Chandra/VU2RCT (SSB), YL Raji/VU3CHM (SSB), Chetan/VU3DMP (SSB) and Krish/ W4VKU (Organizer - SSB/RTTY) have just been granted by the Ministry of Telecommunications & IT, Government of India, to activate Laccadive (Lakshadweep) Islands sometime between November 20th and

December 10th. Exact dates are to be confirmed soon. The team plans to be active from **Agatti Island (AS-011)** with the callsign VU7AG. Given the short notice, the team is working hard in getting things organized and is looking to be active for at least fourteen days. The team would be operational in batches with three high power stations running CW, SSB and RTTY.

Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 1812, 3512, 7012, 10112, 14012, 18082, 21012, 24902 and 28012 kHz

SSB - 7095, 14180, 18155, 21280, 24955 and 28480 kHz

RTTY - 7032, 10142, 14082, 18092, 21092, 24922 and 28092 kHz

SPECIAL NOTES:

* The VU band allocation in the 80m phone segment is very, very narrow. It was therefore decided by the team that there would be no 80m SSB operation.

** On 20m, they will listen higher up in the band. Especially while working General class hams in the U.S.

Another callsign has been issued for demonstration purposes on Kavaratti Island – VU7KA. This would be used only briefly when team members make presentations to the local administration in Kavaratti and educate them on amateur radio. QSL Manager is Krish, W4VKU, direct or by the Bureau (see details on the Web page). An Online QSL Request System (OQRS) will be available for all your QSL requests. OQRS will be enabled soon after the expedition. For Logbook of The World (LoTW): QSOs would be uploaded to LoTW in approximately 6 months time. The following Web page has been setup, and contains bios of operators, QSL details, frequencies and a survey. Visit the VU7AG page at:

<http://www.vu7ag.info>

XV2V40J, VIETNAM (Special Event)

Operators Shim/JF1HJZ (XV3AA), Shoji/ JA2TXR, Tack/JA3NHL, Ishida/JA4AGA, Takehara/JA6CNH, Megumu/JA6QGF and Hisao/JA8NF will activate special event callsign XV2V40J between now and November 24th. Activity is to commemorate 40 years of the Japan- Vietnam establishment of diplomatic relations. QSL via JF1HJZ.

XZ, MYANMAR (The third and final round of Myanmar 2013)

Zorro, JH1AJT, and a group of operators will be on the air from Nay Pyi Taw again between November 15-26th. This will be the third and final run for 2013 from XZ-land. Proposed callsign is XZ1J this time, and they plan to set up three to four stations, run 24/7 on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, and RTTY. Operators mentioned are Zorro/JH1AJT, Franz/DJ9ZB, JC/E20NKB, Champ/E21EIC, Katsu/JA1DXA, Jay/JA1TRC, David/K3LP, Paul/N6PSE, Peter/PP5XX, Rafael/PY2NDX and Kazu/VR2KF. QSL: OQRS preferable.

LATEST NEWS FROM KOSOVO, Z60A AND ALBANIA, ZA

Jarmo, OH2BN, sent out the following press release on November 1st [edited]:

"During the recent CQWW activation of Kosovo, a project to activate neighboring Albania was agreed jointly by members of SHRAK, Kosovo's Amateur Radio Association (Z60A) and Radio Arcala (OH8X) of Finland.

The team will be headed by Fehmi Bojniku/Z62FB and Martti Laine/OH2BH.

They are seeking additional team members from USA and Japan. The operating location will be the coastal city of Durrës - only a 3-hour drive from Kosovo's capital Pristina.

To simulate the upcoming ZA expedition, the Kosovo team will fire up Z60A for the first time this coming Friday (November 1) until Sunday (November 3) on the following SSB frequencies: 14210, 21310 and 28510 kHz, operating split frequency when needed. Special emphasis will be given to Japan and USA, with superb radio conditions hopefully lasting for this weekend.

The following persons - Vjollca/Z61VB, Driton/Z61DX and Fehmi/Z62FB - are heading the operations with their new hams participating. A special QSL card can be obtained via OH2BH.

This activity is supported by Emerald Hotel, Pristina.

www.emeraldhotel.info/

While Kosovo is expected to qualify for DXCC credit some time soon, Albania counts now and is still semi-rare on several bands.

In the recent CQWW SSB Contest, as many as four (4) Z6 stations participated in the event and their QSOs will soon be uploaded to LoTW."

ZD9, GOUGH ISLAND

Bani, ZS1BM, is expected to soon be active as ZD9G from Gough Island until August 2014. QSL via ZS1HF strictly: Pierre Tromp, P. O Box 151, Worcester 6849, South Africa. Watch QRZ.com for updates.



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Unsubscribe: opdx-request@barf80.org Subject:unsubscribe

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<http://www.papays.com/opdx.html>

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<http://www.nodxa.org>

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